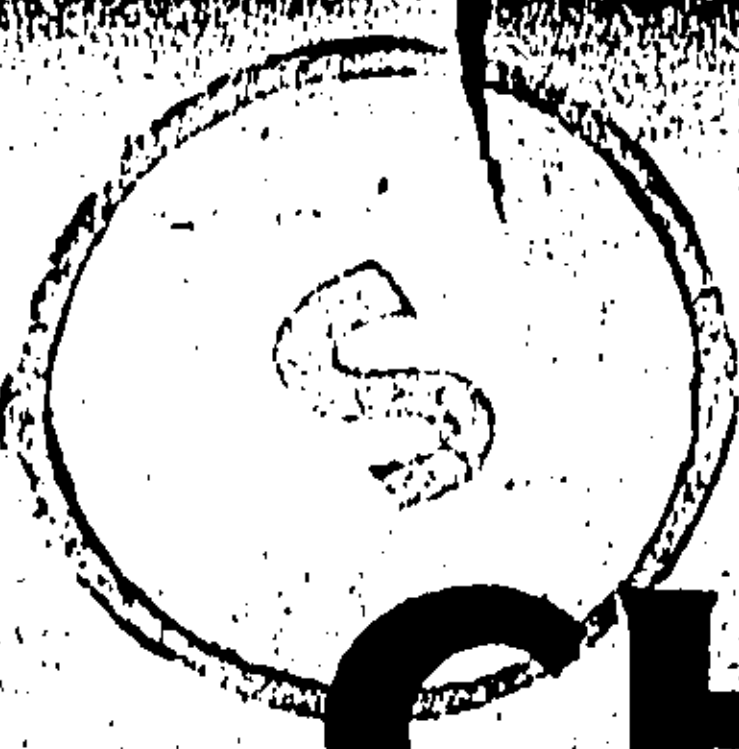


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The satisfaction to be derived from unanimous acceptance by the Council of Ministers of the plan for close political co-operation between members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation is to some extent discounted by Mr. Foster Dulles' strange and unexpected declaration that America reserves the right to take independent action in any part of the world if she considers the situation justifies it.

The value of the "unanimous approval" of the political co-operation plan thus becomes suspect. At the same time doubts arise as to what is precisely meant by "close" co-operation, whether in fact the recommendations made by the committee of "Three Wise Men" will be given substance.

Undoubtedly the creators of the political co-operation plan were influenced by the recent unilateral intervention of Britain and France in Egypt—action which earned the strictures of the United States as well as other NATO partners, and the main point of the proposal is that henceforth there shall be consultations between members of the alliance before any of them embarks on actions calculated to prejudice the general interests of NATO.

Mr. Dulles' reservations therefore suggest that America is not prepared to go much further than agreeing with the political co-operation plan. In principle, though seemingly expecting the rest of her treaty partners to abide strictly by the proposals.

The unhappy impression created is that the United States wants one set of rules of international behaviour for her allies, and another for herself. This may not be the intention of the Washington administration, but unless Mr. Dulles' declaration is clarified, it is a suspicion that will continue to cling.

The North Atlantic alliance cannot succeed in its purpose unless there is complete mutual confidence between its members, and this must extend to political affairs and policies. Because Anglo-French action in Egypt pointed up the desirability for a closer political alliance between the NATO countries, reservation of rights to act independently such as that advanced by Mr. Dulles is not easily acceptable.

EDEN FLIES HOME

HE FACES A NEW SUEZ DISPUTE

London, Dec. 13.

The Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, ended a three-week rest cure in Jamaica today and took off for home to face a threatened new dispute over the Egyptian refusal to allow Anglo-French salvage ships to help clear the Suez Canal.

Britain today rejected a United Nations compromise proposal that Britain and France turn over the ships to neutral crews.

The House of Commons leader, Mr. R. A. Butler, speaking for Sir Anthony in Parliament this afternoon, announced the rejection.

NO QUESTION

"I can say without hesitation that there can be no question of our ships being used without their crews," he said.

Conservative cheers greeted Mr. Butler's reply. A Conservative, Mr. Patrick Maitland, had asked for a statement "in view of the suggestion by General Wheeler that British salvage ships might be used without British crews."

Lieutenant-General Raymond Wheeler is the United Nations expert in charge of the clearance of the Canal. Naval spokesmen said unless agreement was reached within several days the Anglo-French salvage ships would have to cut loose from the wrecks they were raising in Port Said harbour.

MONTH LOST

This would undo a month's work and add that month to the already painful period of petrol and oil shortage in Europe.

Sir Anthony was expected to deal with the problem immediately after his arrival in London tomorrow afternoon.

Political sources here said Sir Anthony had no intention of surrendering to a handful of "back bench" Conservative members who demanded, in his absence, that he step down as Prime Minister.

He faces a quick test. Mr. Butler announced a debate of Britain's shaky economic position next Thursday. It will give the Socialists an opportunity to challenge Sir Anthony personally on the policies which they charge put Britain on the brink of an economic crisis.

EGYPT'S VIEW

In Washington, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, reaffirmed that the United Nations police force should withdraw from Egypt as soon as the evacuation of French, British and Israeli forces was completed.

Dr. Fawzi made this statement in reply to reporters' questions after he had addressed the National Press Club here.

He declined to say whether Egypt would accept the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice in the Suez Canal dispute.

For the time being, he said, Egypt was chiefly concerned with repairs to the damage done to the Canal, he said.

MORE SOVIET ARMS?

Asked whether Egypt had received arms from the Soviet Union in recent weeks, he replied: his country had obtained arms when it needed them and where it could get them.

Dr. Fawzi, however, declined to say whether Egypt would agree to let Israeli ships move freely through the Suez Canal in the future.

He said the passage of Israeli ships was part of the overall problem of Palestine and had nothing to do with the Suez problem itself. All agencies.

Now Mother Gets Tatiana



Above: Tatiana and father

Greeks, Turks See Cyprus Plan

Paris, Dec. 13.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd and the Greek Foreign Minister Mr. Evangelos Averoff met today to discuss the Cyprus question.

Mr. Lloyd left the afternoon session of the NATO council for the brief meeting.

Later a Turkish NATO delegation source said a Turkish-Greek meeting was "not excluded."

British Hopes

It was later learned that Mr. Lloyd handed over copies of the Radcliffe report on the constitutional development for Cyprus when he met Mr. Averoff and also Mr. Mendonça today.

This report—subject of the recent secret talks in London and of the discussions of Mr. Alan Lennox Boyd, the Colonial Secretary, in Greece and Turkey—has been drawn up by Lord Radcliffe, the British jurist.

British officials here tonight expressed the hope that as a result of Mr. Lennox Boyd's talks with the Greek and Turkish Governments a new solution for the Cyprus problem would be found.—Reuter.

She Can Return To US

London, Dec. 13.

American-born Tatiana Chavostov, two-year-old daughter of a Russian refugee who was dramatically prevented from sailing to Russia with her father in October, can be taken back to the United States by her mother, a British judge ruled here today.

After a three-day sitting in chambers in the Chancery division, the judge granted Tatiana's mother, 44-year-old Mrs. Elena Chavostov, and control of the child.

He gave the mother leave to take her to America, and said that on arrival there Tatiana would be a ward of the court.

BOTH CLAIM

Both the U.S. and Russia claim citizenship for Tatiana, who began in October when her father, 58-year-old Alexis Chavostov, brought her to Britain after hiding her from searching United States immigration officials in New York.

Father and daughter were prevented from leaving London by lawyers on the Russian ship Vyacheslav Molotov.—Reuter.

FIVE BODIES FOUND AFTER PLANE CRASH IN JUNGLE

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 12.

A Royal Air Force rescue team today reached the wreckage of the RNZAF Bristol freighter which crashed in the Cameron Highlands, central Malaya, on Monday, a RAF spokesman announced.

Five bodies were found. The spokesman said four of the people on the plane were as yet unaccounted for.

The rescue party had to fight its way through rugged terrain, impenetrable jungle and a constant downpour of heavy rain, the spokesman said.

40 Yards An Hour

The party with a doctor was dropped into the jungle 2,000 yards from the wreck on Tuesday afternoon. It took 48 hours to light its way through the 2,000 yards of jungle.

Helicopters and other aircraft hovered over the search party directing it towards the wreck.

The New Zealand plane was on a supply drop mission to the security forces fighting Communist terrorists in the highlands.

On the plane were three crew of 41 squadron, RNZAF, four despatchers who are possibly Britons, and two cameramen of the Malaya film unit.

The names of those in the crash have not yet been released.—Reuter.

Indian To Hang

London, Dec. 13.

Gurdial Singh, 27-year-old Indian, was sentenced to death at the Hampshire Assizes tonight for the murder of Mrs. Lillian Levene, 69, a second-hand dealer of Southampton.

Mr. Justice Haver described the crime as "a very horrible and brutal murder."

Mrs. Levene was found dead from asphyxia in a back room of her shop on June 18. She had been struck on the head and neck with a bludge.—France-Press.

IKE'S BID TO HELP HUNGARY

Washington, Dec. 13.

Informed sources said today President Eisenhower is expected to send the Soviet Premier Marshal Nikita Khrushchev a message urging that Soviet troops should be withdrawn from Hungary.

The appeal likely will say that presence of Russian troops in Hungary will hamper United Nations disarmament talks expected to get underway again early next year.

The President's note will be a reply to a message from Bulgarian last month on disarmament. The Russian Premier indicated Russia would agree to try out President Eisenhower's "open skies" aerial inspection plan in a 1,000-mile belt running across Europe.—United Press.

TREASON INQUIRY: 11 MORE ARRESTED

Johannesburg, Dec. 13.

The South African police arrested 11 people today in Johannesburg as a result of investigations into alleged treason, adding to the 110 arrests made earlier.

The two Indians arrested were A. M. Kothrada, former youth leader of the South African Indian Congress, and Paul Joseph, an executive of the Transvaal Indian Congress.

Four members of the African National Congress were among those arrested, including the organisation's former secretary-general, Walter Sisulu.—France-Press.

Queen Mother Better

London, Dec. 13.

The Queen Mother was reported improved today but still confined to her room at Clarence House with a cold. She will not attend the funeral at Windsor tomorrow of Princess Marie Louise, who died last Saturday.—United Press.

Lovers Give Up

Johore Bahru, Dec. 13.

Two lovers, both committed members of a Communist underground terrorist organisation, walked out of the jungle on Saturday, took a taxi to a nearby police station and gave themselves up. It was officially announced today.

Ah Choy and his sweetheart, Wong Chai-ling told police: "We have been misled for a long time. Now we are looking forward to many years of happiness together."—Reuter.

Soviet Complaint

New York, Dec. 13.

The United Nations General Assembly was recommended by its Slicing Committee today to debate a Soviet-proposed item alleging United States interference in the domestic affairs of the Eastern European countries.

The United States was among the 12 countries favouring the move. The Dominican Republic was alone in opposing it. China and Turkey abstained.—Reuter.

Flu Death Toll

Tokyo, Dec. 13.

The Japanese Ministry of Health said tonight more than 130 had died today, victims of a rapidly spreading influenza epidemic. More than 13,000 were reported ill with flu.—Reuter.

Tomorrow's China Mail Christmas Issue

Tomorrow's big week-end edition of the China Mail will be the bumper-size 28-page Christmas issue—packed with a special selection of festive features.

Here is what you'll find inside:

- ★ Variations on a King Wenceslas theme by the one and only Giles.
- ★ Who were the Wise Men? by Les Armour.
- ★ The Bethlehem story, by Charles Bradley.
- ★ Christmas customs, by David Bamping.
- ★ When England had no Christmas, by Yorke Henderson.
- ★ The million-pound toy business, by Ronald Baxall.
- ★ Which day is Christmas Day? by Richard Henry.
- ★ The Ghostly Tale of Bagwood Hall, a Christmas story, by John McKenna.
- ★ Fanto! The hodge-podge that became a popular art form, by Peter Burgoine.
- ★ Uncle Henry, a festive story by Hazel Meyrick.

Cyril Stapleton writes on records, Robert Piman, and Nancy Spain review books. Jack Roberts looks at films, current and coming. There are picture pages, cartoons, comic strips—and tips for tomorrow's meeting at the Valley—all in the Christmas China Mail.



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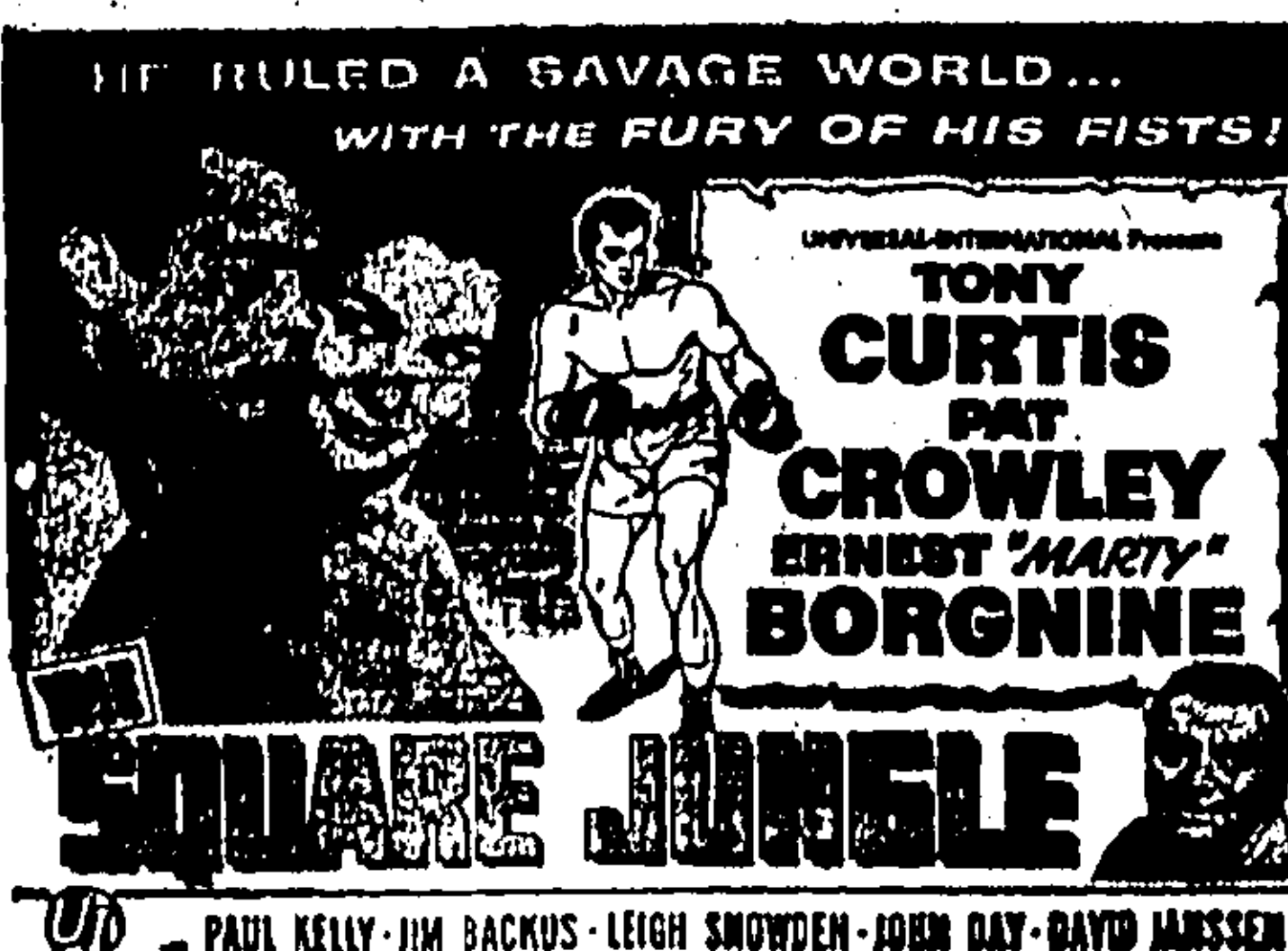
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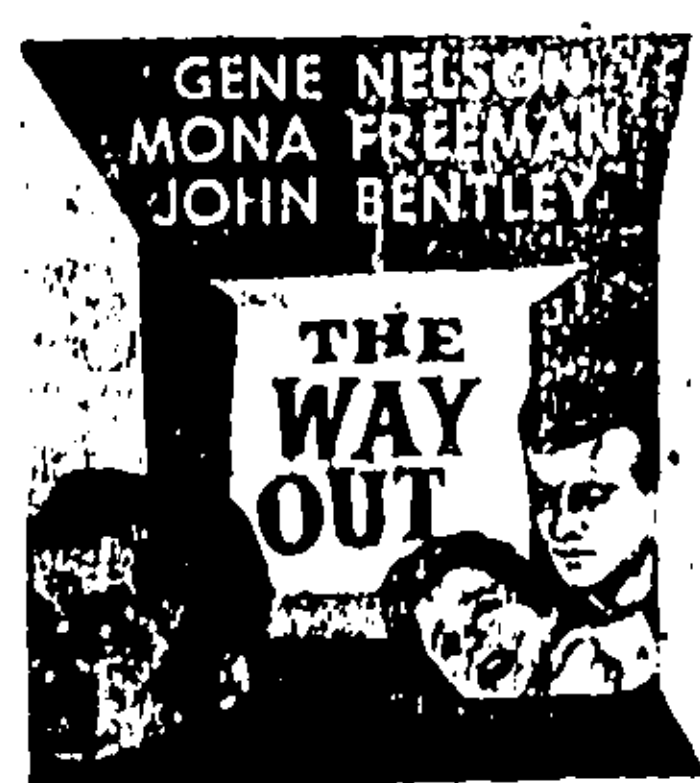
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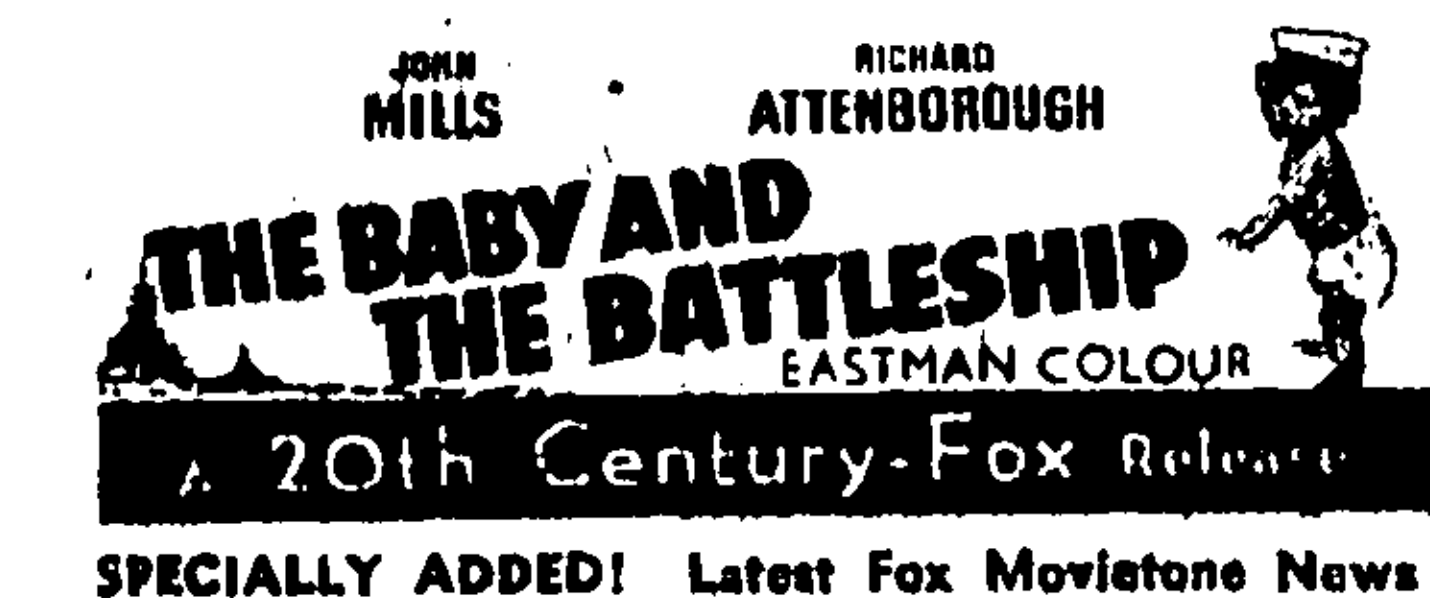


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Attempt To Minimise Reaction To Statement By Dulles

By RALPH HARRIS

Washington, Dec. 13.

United States officials today sought to minimise the unfavourable reaction to statements on Allied co-operation reportedly made by Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, to the NATO Council in Paris yesterday.

Rebel Loses His Head

Algiers, Dec. 13.

A FRENCH guillotine today lopped off the head of a rebel leader found responsible for the deaths of 17 pro-French Moslems.

Nacerddine Abdel Hamid was executed quickly and without fuss in the bleak Constantine Prison courtyard in the cold early morning air.

Abdel Hamid was condemned to death on June 27 by a Constantine military court which found him—as leader of a rebel band—responsible for the killings of the 17 in the Petite Kabylie area east of Algiers.

French patrols closed in on a strong rebel group east of Algiers, and officials reported "several rebels were killed."

But French troops corralled 86 rebel suspects and took a large quantity of arms and ammunition. They also discovered and confiscated a stock of rebel drugs, bandages and first aid station pharmaceutical goods.

Two other French raids in the Constantine area in Eastern Algeria also netted caches of rebel arms and ammunition.

A similar operation in the Oran Department near Afloa, 200 miles southwest of Algiers, turned up 350 rifles hidden in a cave.

Meanwhile, trouble began boiling again in neighbouring Morocco.—United Press.

They expressed open disagreement with the view that Mr Dulles' speech was in effect a warning that the United States was preparing to stray from the path of closer consultation and co-operation in a world emergency.

Some diplomatic sources here—notably in Commonwealth embassies—also were taking a comparatively mild view of Mr Dulles' reported stand that the United States was not prepared to consult its Allies in advance if it considered its vital interests to be endangered in any part of the world.

Like's Obligations

Both United States and Western sources were agreed that Mr Dulles' remarks must be interpreted in the light of President Eisenhower's obligations to Congress under the United States Constitution.

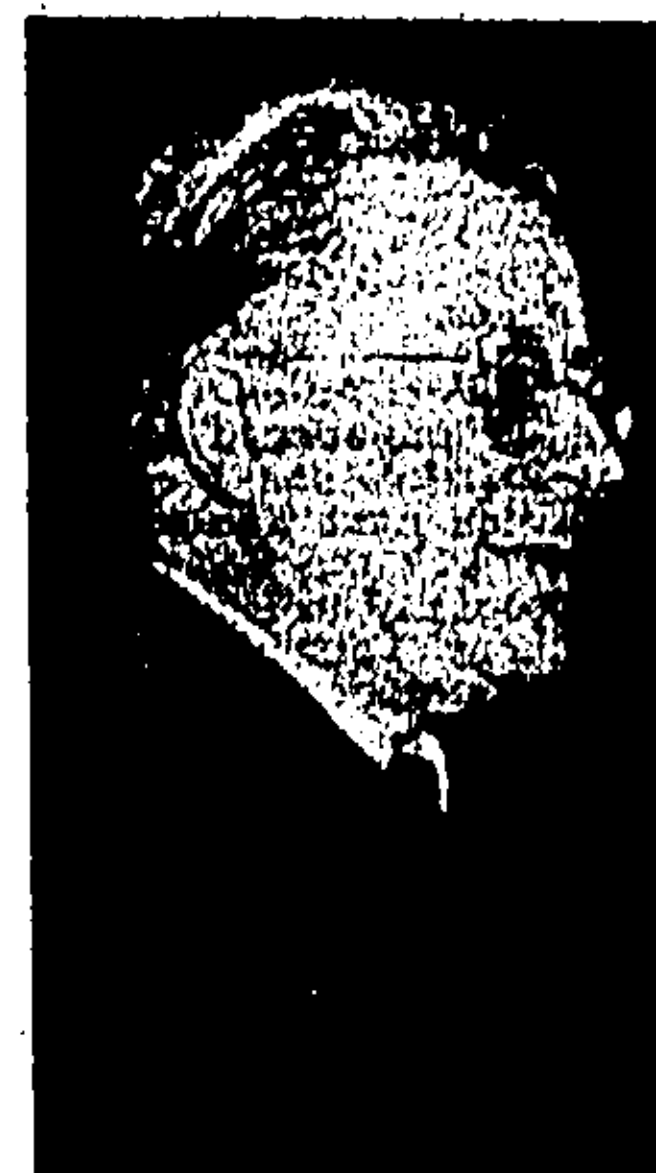
These sources pointed out that the President had committed himself to consultations with Congress before he used the armed power of the United States—but had reserved the right to act independently if the emergency was sufficiently grave.

They suggested that Mr Dulles, while anxious and willing to strengthen NATO co-operation, was leaving open a similar loophole in United States relations with the Allies in non-NATO areas such as the Far East and Asia.—China Mail Special.

TOGLIATTI NO. 1 ITALIAN RED

Rome, Dec. 13.

Signor Palmiro Togliatti tonight emerged as unchallenged leader of Italy's big Communist Party and sharply recalled his followers to discipline after the party's first national congress for over five years.



SIGNOR TOGLIATTI

Lost Aircraft SEARCH STILL HELD UP

Vancouver, Dec. 13.

The search for the four-engined Trans-Canada Airlines' North Star, missing since Sunday in the British Columbia coast range mountains with 62 persons aboard was halted again today as weather closed in over the search area.

RCAF planes that took off shortly after 1430 GMT for the area around Cheam and Silver-Maple Mountains were forced to turn back as clouds closed in over the area.

It marked the fourth day that RCAF planes have been grounded by the weather.

STANDING BY

All crews were back at the Seabird Airbase near Vancouver and standing by to take to the air again as soon as weather conditions permit.

Earlier 14 RCAF planes took off for the search. The planes were the first since Monday.

The Air Force was fighting for time in a race with total winter and all but the faintest hopes that any occupants of the plane were still alive had flickered out.

A scheduled overnight search by four planes never got off the ground because of a massive wall of fog and cloud that rolled through much of the search area to a height of 10,000 feet.—United Press.

At the end of a week-long debate, in which sharp criticism was voiced of official policy, Signor Togliatti brought the 1,064 delegates to their feet in prolonged applause as he restated his approval of Soviet action in Hungary and related demands for more freedom within the Party.

In a 90-minute speech winding up the political debate at the congress he ensured his reelection in voting due tomorrow to the Party leadership, which he has held for 29 years.

Minority

The debate showed that an influential but still practically powerless minority of the party's two million members:

1. Reject the Soviet Union's right to suppress the Hungarian uprising.
2. Demand greater freedom of discussion and secret voting within the party.
3. Fear that the official line will isolate the party from all other political forces in Italy and lead to the breaking up of the Big Communist-led Labour Confederation.
4. Claim that only a complete change of the party's leadership can bring about a break with the Party's Stalinist past.

Answering these points Signor Togliatti declared that he considers the present Hungarian Government the legitimate one, and added "in a question like this of the Socialist hold on power, there must be no uncertainty, particularly when the opposition takes to arms."

Problem of Democracy

He warned individual Communists to beware of the danger, when expressing criticisms, of dividing the party. "Certain comrades should make an effort to rid themselves of certain ideas before they begin to speak," he said.

He told his followers not to "make a fetish" of the problem of democracy within the party and said this must be governed by the amount of freedom of action the party succeeded in winning in Italy as a whole.

He partly rejected the plea of the party's labour leader, Signor di Vittorio, that the left-wing trade unions be freed of party domination. "It would be an error to think that this organizational measure would suffice to carry the working classes to victory," he said.

New Statute

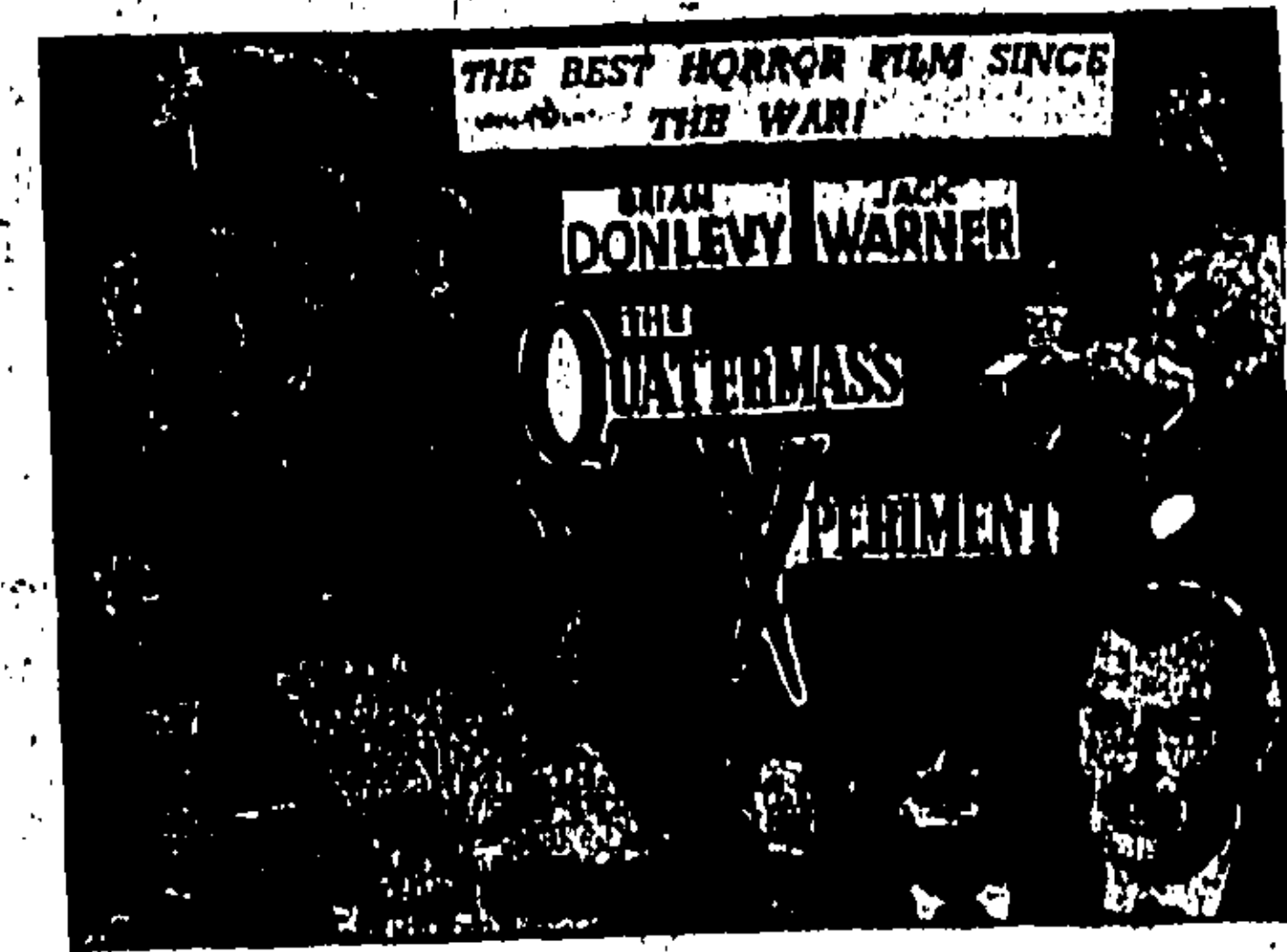
Admitting charges of centralization and of excessive bureaucracy in the party, he declared that a new statute would be presented tomorrow which would allow more initiative throughout the whole party.

The congress is due to conclude tomorrow with the voting of a number of resolutions and the new statute and the election of the party's central committee, consisting of 100 members.—China Mail Special.

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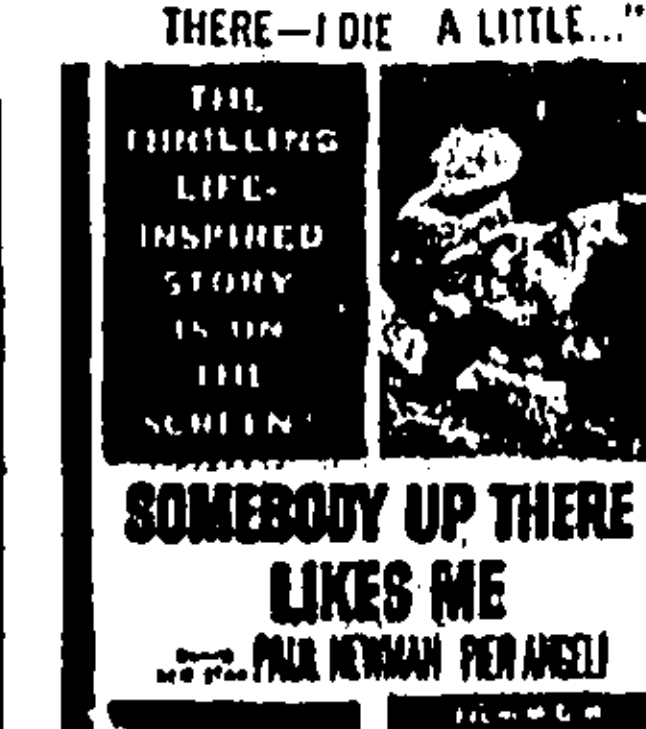
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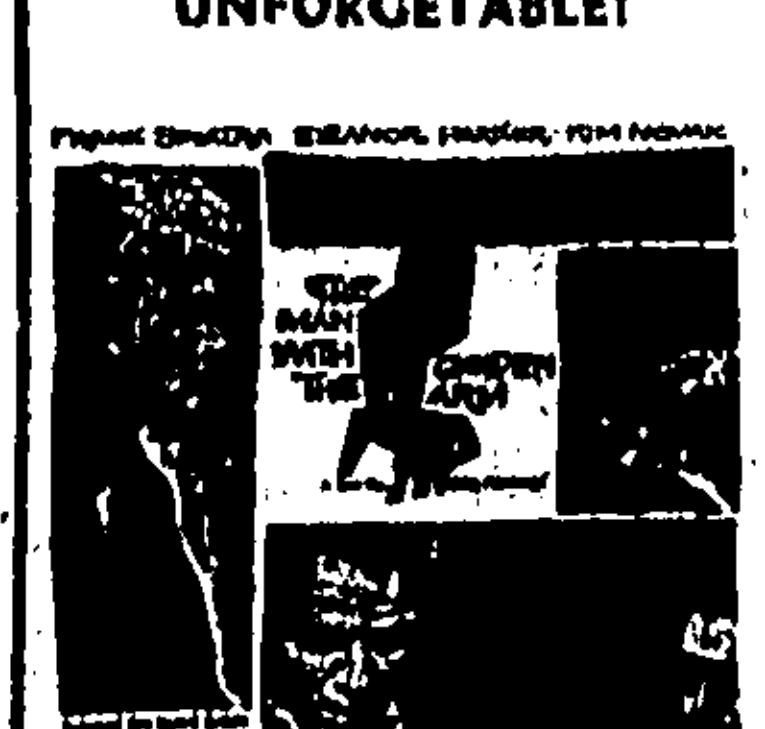
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ORDERS BOOKED

Egypt Obstructing Suez Canal Clearance

DEFIANCE OF UN ORDER SAYS BRITAIN

52 TERRORISTS ROUNDED UP

Nicosia, Dec. 13. Fifty-two Cypriot EOKA (union with Greece) terrorists have been captured in a seven-day operation in southwest Cyprus. It was officially announced today.

The operation, carried out in bitter weather in the snow-covered mountainous area, has resulted in the capture of "murder gangs and smugglers," among others, the announcement stated.—France-Press.

No Destruction In Sinai Say Israelis

United Nations, Dec. 13.

Israel's delegate to the United Nations, Abba Eban, today informed the Secretary-General, that the Israeli Government has instructed its troops withdrawing from Sinai to abstain from any destruction or demolition.

Eban made this announcement as a result of talks with Hammarskjöld on Tuesday, in which the Secretary-General had asked him if the Israeli forces would continue to destroy roads, railways and installations, and to plant mines in the Sinai Peninsula.

Eban stated that a map, indicating Israeli minefields, had been turned over to Major-General Edson Burns, Commander-in-Chief of the UN emergency force, and that the minefields were in addition surrounded by barricades and marked with signs.

No new mines have been laid since the map was given to General Burns, Eban said.—France-Press.

United Nations, Dec. 13. A British spokesman today accused the Egyptian Government of evasion, obstruction and non-co-operation with the United Nations both in respect to clearance of the Suez Canal and treatment of British nationals in Egypt.

The spokesman told reporters that failure to clear the Canal was having "a most serious effect" on countries of Europe, the Middle East and the Far East.

He said he could not discuss British "troubles" on plans to bring up the question in the Assembly.

Intimidation

"It is true that at the present time the Egyptian Government does not appear to be putting into effect its decree of mass expulsion of British nationals, but it is intimidating some individuals and deporting others," he said.

"There is no guarantee that there will not be a mass expulsion after the British withdrawal from the Canal area," Britain estimates that 13,000 British subjects are involved. "The whole policy of the Egyptian Government appears to make the life of foreign nationals, including British, impossible," the British spokesman said.

"This cannot be allowed to continue very long."

Grateful

"We are grateful for the action of the Secretary-General but the reaction of the Egyptian Government has been unco-operative, evasive and obstructive."

He said he could not comment on Hammarskjöld's efforts, but said it could be assumed that the British protests "have not stayed in his office."

In Cairo the Egyptian authorities today were busy doing the spade work necessary for taking over Port Said immediately after the evacuation of the British and French troops from the city, scheduled to be completed within the next 48 hours. The Egyptian Ministry of the Interior announced today that 950 specially selected and trained policemen and officers were standing by in barracks in Abbassa, near Cairo, awaiting orders to leave for Port Said to reinforce the police contingent there.

Egyptian army units were also said to be standing by in Ismailia, 60 miles south of Port Said, to enter the city and help to maintain order, while the civil authorities supervise the rebuilding of the demolished sections of the city.

Repatriation

The civil authorities will also handle the repatriation of 22,000 persons, mostly women and children, who fled from Port Said at the time of the British and French attack.

The Egyptian Minister of Social Affairs, Hussein Elashmeh, said, however, that Port Said would be considered closed for one week. This would give the authorities time to clear the debris, sweep the mines, disinfect the city and estimate the loss in life and property.—United Press & France-Press.

Warning To Malayan Merchants

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 13. The Assistant Minister for Commerce and Industry, Indira Mohamed Khir Bin Johari, said in a broadcast tonight that the Malayan Government will take action next week against profiteering by shopkeepers and merchants.

He said the prices of goods generally—but especially food—had gone up in Malaya during the past few weeks. "This two main reasons for the rise were the increased freight rates caused by the closing of the Suez Canal and 'unscrupulous traders,'" the Minister said. He denied that recent tax increases introduced by the Government in its last budget were entirely to blame for the rise. "These had caused only a few of the increases," he said.—Reuters.



ALLIED WAR CRIMINALS NOT ORDINARY POWs

Washington, Dec. 14.

United States officials today drew a sharp distinction between the Soviet release of Japanese prisoners of war and the detention of Japanese in Sugamo Prison, Tokyo, on Allied war crimes charges.

A Japanese Foreign Ministry spokesman said in Tokyo yesterday that Japan wanted to obtain the release and pardon of all such prisoners. The spokesman said the prisoners might be freed in celebration of Japan's entry into the United Nations.

His hopes were echoed by a senior Japanese Embassy official here who said an amnesty would be a welcome "Christmas present."

this established policy, they added.

A British Foreign Office spokesman said in London today that the Government had received no communication from the Japanese Government about the possibility of the release of four Japanese sentenced by British authorities for crimes during the war.

The British spokesman had been asked to comment on a statement by a Japanese Foreign Ministry spokesman in Tokyo today that it was hoped to obtain the release and pardon of 125 Japanese, including 10 former generals.—Reuters.

No Indication

Yesterday the Soviet Union announced that it would release all Japanese prisoners of war currently on Soviet soil and allow them to return home. But there was no indication today that Washington was prepared to grant a general amnesty to the Sugamo gaoi inmates convicted by United States war crimes tribunals. United States officials said that there was no comparison between the two situations.

The prisoners in the Soviet Union were simply prisoners of war who should have been released at the end of World War Two. The prisoners in Sugamo had all been convicted on war crimes charges through the due process of law.

The practice of releasing these war criminals where possible through an official board of parole and clemency would continue, these officials said. There was no likelihood of a change in

OVER 1,500 INTERNED IN EGYPT

Washington, Dec. 13.

The Egyptian Foreign Minister, Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, said today that Egypt had interned 1,573 British, French and Jews in Egypt "for valid reasons of public security."

He also reported in a speech prepared for delivery at a National Press Club luncheon here that "only 280 stateless Jews" had been deported.

Dr. Fawzi said Egypt had asked the International Red Cross to find homes in other lands for the deported Jews.

Dr. Fawzi said he made these statements to dispel what he called "a very incorrect and disturbing picture which has been portrayed abroad about Jews, Frenchmen and Britons in Egypt."

He noted there were 68,000 Jews in Egypt, 11,000 British subjects and 7,000 French residents. Of this number, he said, 740 Frenchmen had been interned, 713 Britons and 120 Jews.

"No violence has been used either by the Government or by the people against any of these," he said. "The confiscation of property has taken place, and the measure of which anyone can be in any way disruptive has been taken."—China Mail Special.

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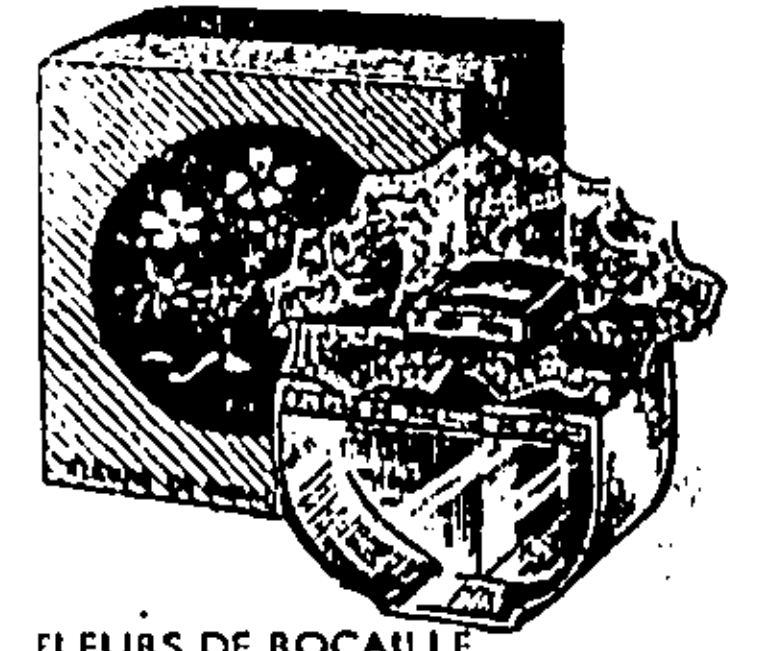
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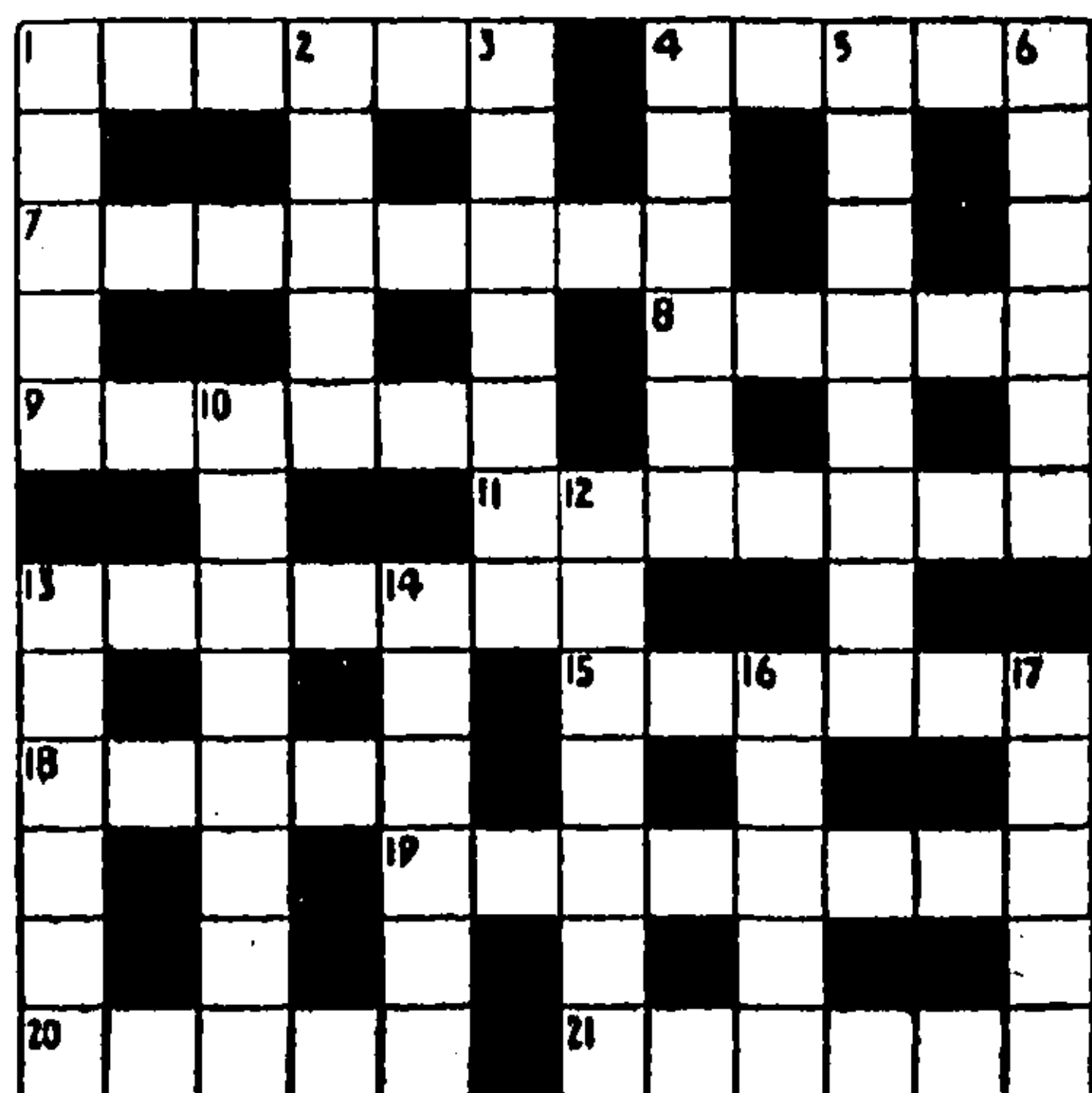


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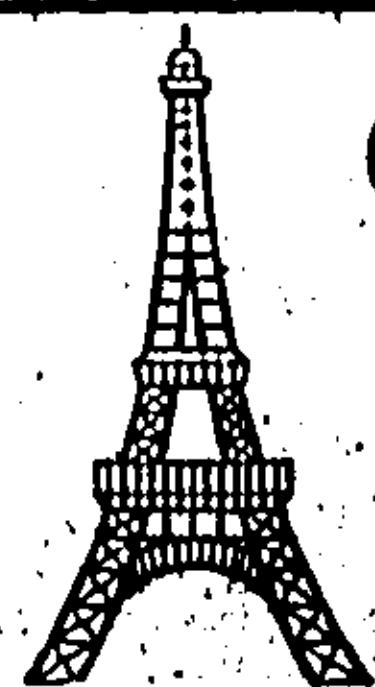
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- 1 Discouraged (6).
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- 7 Go-between (8).
- 8 Express a view (5).
- 9 Alcega (6).
- 11 Negotiated (7).
- 12 Set free (7).
- 13 Meal course (6).
- 18 Sovereign (5).
- 19 Hung around (8).
- 20 Finished (5).
- 21 Oil-well (6).

DOWN

- 1 Object to the little doctor embracing the bird (5).
- 2 Force open (5).
- 3 Loathes (7).
- 4 Tried hard (6).
- 5 Record (8).
- 6 Stretch (6).
- 10 Well-educated (8).
- 12 Staggering (7).
- 13 Fame (6).
- 14 Confused (6).
- 16 Shoe accessories (5).
- 17 Duck (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Fret, 4 Durance, 8 Erin, 9 Storm, 11 Vincgar, 12 Foot, 13 Fino, 14 Restore, 17 Inert, 18 1-deal, 22 Lessche, 23 Inna, 27 Till, 28 Partner, 29 Ally, 30 Rest, 31 Pennons, 32 Earl. Down: 2 Retain, 3 Temper, 4 Diver, 5 United, 6 Avert, 7 Choir, 12 Fill, 13 Nets, 15 Oven, 16 Eels, 18 Intern, 20 Dilate, 21 Angler, 23 Evade, 24 Satin, 25 Sires.



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Soviet Aircraft Industry Catching Up

London, Dec. 13.

Russia's aircraft industry is moving into the "very advance" stage but is still hampered by the general backwardness of Soviet industry, the authoritative publication "Janes all the World's Aircraft" said today.

The book said the Soviet Union was developing atomic-powered aircraft, guided missiles and advanced design flying machines, "an evidence of Russia moving fully into the field of modern aeronautics" last year.

Editor Leonard Bridgman said Russian aircraft will "receive the modern refinements which they perhaps lack at present" when the general background of Soviet life and industry improves.

Delta-wing

He described the delta-wing aircraft seen at the Moscow air show last summer as "very advanced but with some clumsy features."

"The well-known Soviet trait of clinging for a long time to the older apparatus" was also evident during the past year, he said.

At the same time, Russia was pushing ahead with missiles and at least one type of atomic-powered aircraft. Janes said Russia reportedly has in service a medium-range artillery rocket, an improved German-designed V-2, a super-sonic guided bomb and a jet-propelled medium-range bombardment missile.

He cast doubt on Soviet claims to have an intercontinental ballistic missile.

US Rocket

The American section of the book is the largest. Among other things, it reports that North American Aviation is under contract to develop a rocket plane capable of 10 times the speed of sound and of reaching altitudes of 250,000 feet. This plane has been designated the X-15. Janes reported that the X-15 is

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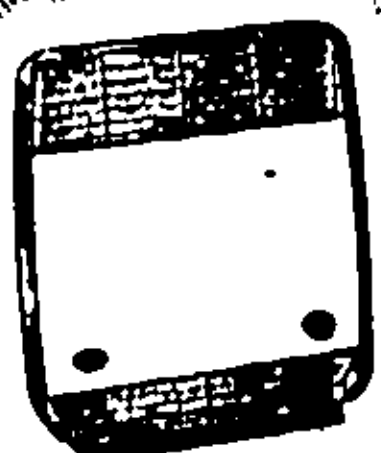
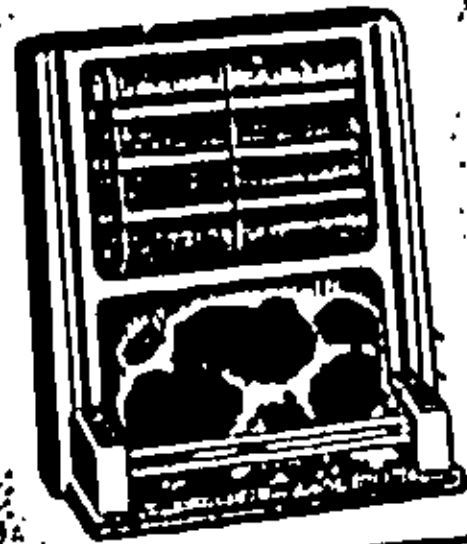
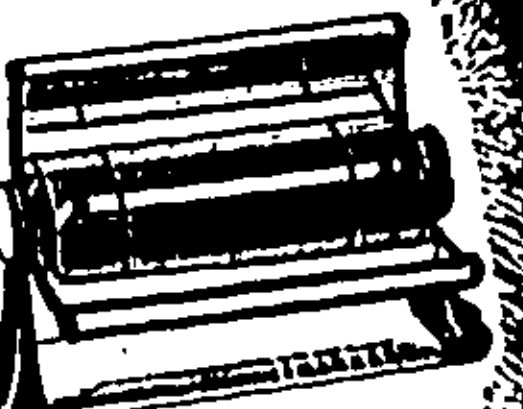
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"Er—am I guarding YOU—or are you guarding ME?"

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The Princess of Pinewood said, Hi There!

—BUT ALWAYS AT

THE WRONG TIME

Sir Laurence had
always to penetrate
the cordon of advisers
and experts.by THOMAS
WISEMAN

FEELING a bit like
Mata Hari after she
has purloined the
secret documents, I
bring you today the inside
story of What Really Happened
at Pinewood while
"The Sleeping Prince" was
being made.

Yesterday Vera Day, the
girl who played Marilyn's
friend in the film, talked to
me about what has been
going on during the past
three months.

Sir Laurence Olivier
emerges most creditably
from the ordeal. Always, it
seems, he behaved like a
gentleman and a knight. If
he lost his temper it was
only in private. If he ever
swore—and Sir Laurence
can be known to swear most
picturesquely—it was out
of earshot.

I gather that there were
occasions when Olivier had
ample cause to curse.

In addition to the times when
Miss Monroe was either late or
simply did not show up at all,
there were the occasions when
various members of her formidable
entourage offered her
advice. It was not always the
same advice as Sir Laurence,
her director, had already offered.

Then there was the waiting.
and the interruptions.
"People got pretty fed up with
that," says Miss Day, "but
personally, I don't see why.
Every day that was wasted
meant an extra day's pay for us.
So why should we worry?
After all, Marilyn was paying.
So she was entitled to keep us
waiting, wasn't she?"

FOR instance, there was the day
when they were filming the
Coronation scene. Miss Monroe
had to be shown weeping.
In private conference with her
semi-official drama tutor,
Pauline Strasberg, Monroe
received the somewhat mystical
advice: "Now during this scene,
remember: think of Frank
Sinatra and Coca-Cola."
Miss Day reports, with some
surprise, that even at such

moments Sir Laurence displayed
infinite patience. "But," she
says, "he may have had to bite
his tongue a bit. It was this
few American way of acting—
this thing they call 'The Method'
—which caused the friction.
Marilyn would always ask
Pauline Strasberg about how a
scene should be played, when
Sir Laurence had already told
her how."

Miller made an appearance—and
he was on the set almost every
day during the latter part of the
production—Marilyn would
interrupt whatever she was
doing even if she was in the
middle of a scene, and rush over
to him, embrace him and kiss
him. Then, suitably refreshed,
she would return to work.

When Marilyn duffed her lines
or chose to interpret a scene in
a way that Olivier felt would be
a misinterpretation, he would
say sweetly: "Try again,
Marilyn, darling." And she
would try again.

hours seeing to her hair and her
makeup. And that meant more
waiting.

"But it was worth it. I've
seen the rushes and she looks
just gorgeous. I've seen all her
films three times and I can tell
you she never looked so good
and never wore such low
dresses. I've never seen anyone
wear such low dresses. Whew!
Lots of the girls around the set
were making cutting remarks
about her—saying anybody
could look as good as her in
those dresses. But I'm telling
you they couldn't, they could
not."

BUT the most startling vision of
all for Monroe addicts will
be of the famous shape clad in
knee-length bloomers. This was
Marilyn's own idea. She thought
it would look cute.

In addition to all the other
distractions, there was Milton
Greene, Miss Monroe's ex-
photographer Vice-President,
lurking about the set equipped
with a cine-camera. He was
filming the filming.

Miss Day estimates that he
shot about two hours of film.
And there are people who sug-
gest, perhaps unfairly, that his
documentary film about the
making of "The Sleeping Prince"
contains more drama, suspense
and tension than the picture
which Olivier directed.

Peking Radio put it like this
some months ago: "The only
way to get rid of capitalism and
establish socialism is to use
revolutionary violence against
the bourgeoisie and to establish
the dictatorship of the
proletariat. Peaceful means will
not work."
The old story!

THE DAY I FACED AN EGYPTIAN FIRING SQUAD—BY A BRITON

'In that moment, as we stood against a wall, none of
us believed we had more than seconds to live....'

By Flight-Lieutenant ERIC HUNT, R.A.F.V.R.

THEY lined us up
against a wall, our
hands clasped behind
our heads. Six Egyptians
kneel and aimed their rifles
at us. From 10 yards.
Each loaded a bullet.
That was when we said: "We've
had it. This is it."

In that moment, as we stood
in a Hellpolla street—wearing
only our pyjamas, barefooted,
just as we had been dragged
out of bed—none of us believed
we had more than seconds to
live.

The officer who marched his
men into our flat—I woke to
find his bayonet-point pricking
my stomach—yelled at us: "Get
out, get out, you English spy-
dogs!"

We (all five of us were ex-
R.A.F. officers who went to
instruct Egypt's air crews)
went outside and he was still
yelling and screaming.
If we shivered I don't know
if it was because we had no

—one of ten ex-R.A.F. officers who went out a year
ago to teach Egypt's Air Force officers to fly. They
have just come back to England—expelled by Nasser.

little on. Or because of our
certainty that this was the end.
An Egyptian major saved us.
A major who came running
round the corner from a school
turned into an internment
centre for Jewish women.

He ordered the policemen to
clear off. It was with a feeling
of comparative safety that we
heard his order to us—to get
into a commandeered BOAC
bus to be taken to the police
station.

UNFORGETTABLE

But in the ten unforgettable
minutes that went before we
had seen the full measure of
the anti-British hatred Nasser
has worked up in so many of
his people.

The rifle-party who threaten-
ed us with death was tipped
off about our hiding place
because one of us forgetfully
whisked a match in the bathroom
of our flat during darkness.

During our interrogation by
the police we were told again
and again that we were
"British spies."

Then back to the flat to
shower, only to find it rans-
acked; our cigarettes, pens,
clothes all gone.

One day I managed to get to
the Swiss Legation, to be told
they could not help us. And
then on the way back I con-
tacted an Egyptian official.

The key news he gave: "I
must advise you all to keep
your mouths shut or you will
be shot. Lie low and get out
of this country at the first
opportunity."

under guard. Then we were
expelled. Finally, at the airport,
Stripped. The solitary £1 note
I had in my pocket was taken
from me.

Today all I possess is the suit
I stand up in. With my flat, my
car, my clothes, my money, all
my valuables left in Egypt.

NASSER PURGE

And who would hope ever to
get any of these things back?
Not me.

Yet even now I believe there
are Egyptians who see through
the Nasser screen of venom.
And I say Nasser himself
knows it.

For I bring back from Egypt
a report that Nasser is carry-
ing out a purge of officers in
his forces—with a brutality to
match the worst days of
Nazism.

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officers are said to have been
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COMMIES' NEW PLAN FOR ASIA

by
JOHN COLLINS

WITH the spotlight on
the Middle East and
Suez we forget what is
going on in the rest of Asia.

We have perhaps for-
gotten that the Communists
have made one important
change of tactics in the last
two years. They have large-
ly dropped the use of vio-
lence to get into power.

One reason why the
Russian and Chinese Com-
munists persisted in such
crude tactics for so long
was their ignorance of the
true situation in free Asia.
They reckoned by party
dogma and counted as an
enemy everyone who was
not fully with them.

The errors have been realised.
One of the first reforms was to
reorganise the "backroom boys"
in Moscow and Peking. Oriental
institutes and the like have
been set up to train specialists
for such countries as India,
Burma, Japan and Indonesia.

GREATER TACT

Such specialists are needed
by the political tacticians. The
Institute of Oriental Languages
being organised at Moscow
University is providing six-year
courses.

So that by the 1960's the
Soviet leaders will have the full
use of their academic machine
to deal with "bourgeois Asia."

In the meantime they are
showing much greater tact all
round.

Nehru and Gandhi were once
hated names in party circles.
Now the Indian leaders are
lauded to the skies.

This new "tactical" phase has
led to greater activity in the
multitude of Communist fronts
like the "Friendship" movement.
In the months ahead we will
see a succession of Communist-
inspired Asian meetings.
Writers will be meeting in
Delhi soon. An Asian Economic
Conference and a journalists'
conference are also scheduled.

Among the most significant
of the new "Friendship" bodies
is the China-Nepal Friendship
Association. Just one indication
of Communist infiltration in one
of the most vulnerable of India's
neighbours.

This infiltration into Nepal
started a few months ago and
has grown rapidly since. Com-
munist influence is particularly
noticeable among students.

OLD STORY

The most advanced of the
new fronts are the various
"Asian Solidarity Committees"
which started up in the last 18
months. So far they have ap-
peared in Japan and India, and
in China, North Korea and the
Soviet Union. Others are ex-
pected.

In spite of these new tactics
violence is not ruled out. Burma
has been suffering violations of
her borders by Chinese troops.
Singapore and India have had
more Communist-led riots. And
there is no sign of any perma-
nent peace for Korea or
Indo-China.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

FIFTH RACE MEETING

Saturday 15th December, 1956.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 8 RACES.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m.
The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.
All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each are obtainable from the Club's Cash Sweep Office, at Queen's Building, Chater Road only on the written introduction of a Member, who will be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).
The 6th Floor is restricted to Members and Ladies wearing Lady's Brooches.

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each payable at the Gate.
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CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$16 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), and 5, D'Aguiar Street during normal office hours and until 11.00 a.m. on the day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 14th December will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the Meeting at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building (Chater Road), 5, D'Aguiar Street and 382, Nathan Road during normal office hours and until 11.00 a.m. on the day of the Race Meeting.

SPECIAL CASH SWEEP

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 20th January 1957, at \$2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENT WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

KBGC Closing Day Lawn Bowls Competition

The following Lawn Bowlers will represent the Members & Visitors at the Annual Closing Day Game to be played at Austin Road on Sunday, December 16. Play to commence at 2.30 p.m.

KBGC	Visitors
D. Joshua	J. Tang
G. Gordon	M. Dooley
E. Baker	T. Duffield
L. Conroy	M. J. Diviecha
(Skip)	(Skip)
B. Brown	L. M. Silva
J. Kelly	A. J. Hussain
P. Kennedy	S. Shields
A. Eastman	B. W. Bradbury
(Skip)	(Skip)
W. Stronach	N. F. Faly
A. Bailey	N. Bucks
A. Harvey	N. Freer
J. Mordie	D. F. Gee
(Skip)	(Skip)
J. Dewhurst	W. C. Young
C. Greaves	D. Potter
J. Tindall	A. P. Pereira
W. McCall	E. Greenwood
(Skip)	(Skip)
V. Thomas	S. Munn
J. Rappi	A. Buckley
V. Bond	A. A. Lopes
E. Liddell	D. Edwards
(Skip)	(Skip)
H. Phelan	T. Rose
S. Buchanan	H. Butler
G. Leslie	K. Baker
I. Gault	N. Hille
(Skip)	(Skip)
L. Collins	A. Grant
A. Buchanan	A. Lee
T. Gannon	H. O. Hughes
H. Morrison	C. Pope
(Skip)	(Skip)
N. Lawrence	A. N. O'Neil
A. N. O'Neil	A. N. O'Neil
G. Jeffries	G. Jeffries
T. Curry	W. Garmey
(Skip)	(Skip)

LADIES' GOLF

Draw For Cup Encounter

KBGC	Visitors
Mrs. M. Steeg	Mrs. D. Duffy
Mrs. F. Gaddi	Mrs. E. Oliveira
Mrs. D. Leslie	Mrs. E. Greenwood
Mrs. M. Buchanan	Mrs. E. Bodie
Mrs. N. Lawrence	Mrs. M. Coelho
Mrs. V. Bond	Mrs. M. Fraser
Mrs. P. Conroy	Mrs. E. Edwards
Mrs. S. Stronach	Mrs. M. Buzano
Mrs. J. Tindall	Mrs. C. Pope
Mrs. J. Liddell	Mrs. M. Gaffney
RESERVE Mrs. J. Kelly	

Ladies' Golf

Draw For Cup Encounter

The draw for the Captain's Cup match of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Ladies' Section is as follows:

Mrs. M. Turnbull v Mrs. J. A. Kins
Mrs. L. H. Robinson v Mrs. A. Duffy
Mrs. J. D. Clague v Mrs. D. J. Rem-
dall, Mrs. T. v Mrs. J. H. Ar-
mstrong, Mrs. K. H. Black v Mrs. J.
Hurdin, Mrs. G. Slah v Mrs. W. P.
Birtwhistle, Mrs. D. Miao v Mrs. E.
J. Cowell, Mrs. J. F. Shumaker v
Mrs. J. McCann.

Conditions of Play: New Course,
18 Holes, Match Play, 3/4 Handicap
difference allowed.

Dates of Play: 1st round to be
played on or before Friday, January
11, 1957; 2nd round on or before
Tuesday, January 22; Semi-final on
or before Friday, February 1; Final
on or before Saturday, February 9.

Members of the Ladies' Section
are asked to note that Entry Lists
for the Ladies' Foursomes and the
Bronze Division Championship
will be posted at the Ladies' Club
House at Fanning in the near future.

Members may also enter either
of these competitions by tele-
phoning or writing the Hon.
Secretary of the Ladies' Section.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry
Forms for the 6th Race
Meeting 1956/57 to be held on
Tuesday 15th and Saturday 5th
January, 1957, (weather per-
mitting) may be obtained at
the Secretary's Office, Alexan-
dra House; the Club House,
Happy Valley; and the
Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock
NOON on Tuesday 18th
December, 1956.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

OLYMPIC GOLD WINNER



Judy Grinham of Hampstead, who won a Gold Medal for Britain in the Olympic Games 100 Metres Back Stroke event, pictured swimming with a beaker on her head so as to obtain the perfect balance which is necessary in this event. Was this her secret weapon at Melbourne?

Sports Diary

Tennis

RAF Tennis championship finals and presentation of prizes at USC.
Boxing
HKABA Tournament at Southern Playground.

Hockey

Men's "B" Div. VCC v Recto: St Stephen's v CYMCA.

TOMORROW

Div. 1. Army v Club (Club) 3.30 p.m.; Police v Eastern (BS) 3.30 p.m.
Reserve Div. 1. Army v Club (Club) 2 p.m.
Div. 2. Gymnasium v B and S (BS) 2 p.m.; RAF v Club (Club) 2 p.m.; RENE v CMB (HV) 2 p.m.; matches at 2.15 p.m.; Taikeo v P. (HS) (HV); RAME v Dockeyard (HV). Both matches at 3.40 p.m.

Div. 3. Rediffusion v Hollandia (HV) 2.15 p.m.; Dodwell v Caroline (HV) 3.45 p.m.

Fifth Race Meeting at Happy Valley at 2 p.m.

Cricket
Div. 2 (Second Round): Army North v DMS; Dockeyard v KCC Waips; IRC v University "A"; KGV School v Army South; Police v RAF; Recto v KCC Hornets; University "B" v Navy.

Rugby
Hexagonal Tournament: Navy v Club (Kai Tak) 4 p.m.; Army North (Kai Tak) 4.15 p.m.

Hockey
Ladies' League: Recto "B" v Recto "A" (ICP) 2.30 p.m.; Greenline "A" v Greenline "B" (BS) 2.30 p.m.; KGV v Kings (BS) 4 p.m.

Softball League Match Officials

The following have been appointed umpires and scorers for Softball League matches during the week-end:

Saturday: 2 p.m. Ground A. War Eagle v Dodgers (D. Cooper, J. Forrester, K. H. Tena); Ground B. S. China v Semingtons (George Pang and one other); J. Collico.

3.30 p.m. Ground A. Chevennes v Austers (F. Diesta and one other; M. Hussain).

Sunday: 9.30 a.m. Ground A. Comets v HKU (B. Gomes, M. Gani; Bernard Lee).

11.30 a.m. Ground A. ACU v Saints (F. Marques, Harold Ong; P. Law).

"INTERPORT" POSTPONED

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Pro-War Hongkong XI has requested a postponement of their encounter with the Old Shanghaianders XI. The Old Shanghaianders' Manager therefore announces that his men may relax their training until further notice.

Kitchee To Meet Macao Police At Soccer

Macao, Dec. 13.
This week-end the Kitchee (football) team of Hongkong will be meeting the local Police soccer team at Campo Desportivo in a friendly match.

The Police, the local League champions, did very well last week when they held Hongkong's Eastern Athletic Association team to a 3-3 draw. This time, the Macao team will be strengthened by the inclusion of three former Negro-Rubro players—Cotrim, Rocha and Cunha.

The players are: Wei Leung, Assis Fong, H. Rodrigues, A. P. Jorge and A. Almeida.

This match is to be played at the courts of Tennis Club here on the coming Sunday and Monday.

HOCKEY
Macao, Dec. 13.
The Hongkong Army "A" hockey team is scheduled to meet the Calixa Escorial Club "A" at the Calixa Escorial ground here on Sunday—France-Press.

FOURTH RACE
(Haydock Park Handicap: 1 1/4 Miles.)
Royal's Jingle Bell (159 lbs.), H. K. Chung up, should be heavily backed to win the feature race of the day against a field of eight starters.

Bohita (A. Ostroumoff) has galloped particularly well in training and has been selected in some circles to beat Jingle Bell while Lomond (P. Plumby) is given a fighting chance.

Castle Peak (K. Kwok) is almost at her best form and is capable of pulling off a major upset.

Outside chances are given Silver Wing (H. H. Chan) and Shiraz (H. K. Hung).

FIFTH RACE
(Lingfield Park Handicap: (First Section): One Mile.)
By all rights Malsail II (Andrew Lam) should win this race, but a novice jockey in the saddle will probably affect the final result.

Gay Sire (A. Ostroumoff) is in blazing form, and Hawallan Moon (H. K. Hung) will be running over its favourite distance and I expect either of these two to have a say at the finish.

A most dangerous opponent is King Rider (K. Kwok), who has been fairly treated with only 143 lbs.

Portability (P.Y.T. Wei) is a good outsider.

SIXTH RACE
(Kempton Park Handicap: 1 1/4 Miles.)
Both Helton (Robert Tait) and Glensteele (A. Ostroumoff) can take this distance in their stride and a stiff fight can be assured.

Cordon Rouge (P. Plumby) and Larc Triomphe (H. K. Chung) should fight out third place.

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Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

Another interesting eight-event programme will be offered racegoers when the Hongkong Jockey Club's Fifth Race Meeting of the current season gets under way at the Valley tomorrow.

The highlight of the meeting will be the running of the Haydock Park Handicap for Class One Ponies over the Champion distance in the Fourth Race.

The First Stalling Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the first race starting at 2.00 p.m. sharp.

Followers of our leading jockey, M. Samarra, will be happy to learn, after his fall from Allida Victory on December 1, that the injuries he suffered are not as serious as at first feared. He has undergone a successful operation and if his injured shoulder responds well he will see action again in the very near future.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE
(Hamilton Park Handicap: (First Section): Six Furlongs.)
In this Six Furlongs Novices' Race, a fighting fit Pot O'Gold (159 lbs.) to be ridden by C. E. Hulse, deserves the best recommendation for a win. The boy mare has shown much improvement in form and a success is to be expected.

Wayfong's Cornhill (143 lbs.), with M. J. Pridham up, has a strong claim and should provide Pot O'Gold with some opposition.

Hiawatha (149 lbs.), to be ridden by Andrew Lam, is rounding into fine form. She was unplaced in her last outing and should give a better showing tomorrow.

Sky Horse (138 lbs.) with Alex Lam as pilot in a fast mover and should be taken into consideration, while So Big (136 lbs.), with Lam King-tak up, could be the one to upset.

SECOND RACE
(Phoenix Park Handicap: 1 1/4 Miles.)
Snowy (H. K. Chung) has every chance of making it two in a row here without any real trouble and should be well supported.

Potential contenders are Not So Bad (W. M. Chan) and Arment (P. Y. T. Wei), which disappointed the last time out but should give a much better account of themselves tomorrow.

Tamerlane (Wm. P. R. Ling) is a source of danger and is capable of causing an upset.

THIRD RACE
(Hamilton Park Handicap: (Second Section): Six Furlongs.)
Dreadnought (Alex Lam), which placed second in the Powerstown Handicap (First Section) at the last meeting, is expected to make amends tomorrow over the six furlongs sprint.

In fine form Dreadnought should outrun such opposition as Strathpeffer (P. Plumby) and The Kangaroo (Albert Lam).

The combination of C. W. Wong-Blonde is an attractive one and particularly in sprint races of this kind, Cursey (M. A. C. Rosa) is nicely weighted and should be considered as a good outsider.

FOURTH RACE
(Haydock Park Handicap: 1 1/4 Miles.)
Royal's Jingle Bell (159 lbs.), H. K. Chung up, should be heavily backed to win the feature race of the day against a field of eight starters.

Bohita (A. Ostroumoff) has galloped particularly well in training and has been selected in some circles to beat Jingle Bell while Lomond (P. Plumby) is given a fighting chance.

Castle Peak (K. Kwok) is almost at her best form and is capable of pulling off a major upset.

Outside chances are given Silver Wing (H. H. Chan) and Shiraz (H. K. Hung).

FIFTH RACE
(Lingfield Park Handicap: (First Section): One Mile.)
By all rights Malsail II (Andrew Lam) should win this race, but a novice jockey in the saddle will probably affect the final result.

Gay Sire (A. Ostroumoff) is in blazing form, and Hawallan Moon (H. K. Hung) will be running over its favourite distance and I expect either of these two to have a say at the finish.

A most dangerous opponent is King Rider (K. Kwok), who has been fairly treated with only 143 lbs.

Portability (P.Y.T. Wei) is a good outsider.

SIXTH RACE
(Kempton Park Handicap: 1 1/4 Miles.)
Both Helton (Robert Tait) and Glensteele (A. Ostroumoff) can take this distance in their stride and a stiff fight can be assured.

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Among the outsiders for this race which is confined to the Second Section of Class 2, the Australian Pointer, T. Parvody

Cut this out and take it to the races

tomorrow for your guidance

Probable Starters, Weights & Riders

Probable starters, weights and riders for tomorrow's Happy Valley race meeting are given below. This list is based on the most up-to-date information available. As an additional guide to form, the placings of the ponies in their last three starts will be found on the left hand side of their names.

2.00 p.m. Race 1 HAMILTON PARK HANDICAP (1st Section), 6 Furlongs, Novices, Class 2.	000 Esquire (S. H. Wong) ... 143 lbs.
000 Matador (Sofronoff) ... 150 lbs.	010 King Rider (Tokmokoff) 143 lbs.
001 Orange King (Sofronoff) 150 lbs.	Possible Acceptors: French Bean, Class 3.
002 Pot O'Gold (Lefkoff) ... 147 lbs.	4.30 p.m. Race 5 KEMPTON PARK HANDICAP (1st Section), 1 1/4 Miles, Class 3.
003 May Blossom (Noodt) ... 154 lbs.	000 Cordon Rouge (Lin) ... 150 lbs.
004 Hiawatha (Rodney) ... 149 lbs.	041 Tom Thumb (Noodt) 150 lbs.
000 Man On (Sofronoff) ... 145 lbs.	042 Larc Triomphe (Noodt) 153 lbs.
000 Cornhill (Metrevelly) ... 143 lbs.	000 Santa Maria (Rodney) 153 lbs.
000 Sky Horse (Pereboff) 138 lbs.	020 Tell Me Tonight (A. S. Wong) ... 153 lbs.
000 So Big (Chevi) ... 136 lbs.	031 Glenstee (Lefkoff) ... 150 lbs.
Possible Acceptors: Caravelle, Sultan.	030 Rudors (B. H. Wong) ... 147 lbs.
2.30 p.m. Race 2 PHOENIX PARK HANDICAP, 1 1/4 Miles, Class 2.	001 Helton (Lefkoff) ... 147 lbs.
001 Snowy (Noodt) ... 159 lbs.	000 The Cherub (Belokoff) ... 145 lbs.
002 Arment (Shit) ... 153 lbs.	000 Sportsmanship (Chevi) 130 lbs.
003 Not So Bad (Metrevelly) 153 lbs.	5.00 p.m. Race 7 LINGFIELD PARK HANDICAP (2nd Section), 1 Mile, Class 2.
004 Diamond Queen (Lum) 151 lbs.	002 Air Power (Tokmokoff) 150 lbs.
005 Dutch Rocket (Chevi) 150 lbs.	010 Silver Dahlia (Pereboff) 151 lbs.
000 My Pal (Lum) ... 147 lbs.	021 Flying Dutchman (Chevi) ... 153 lbs.
004 Tamerlane (Sofronoff) 148 lbs.	000 Invincible (Rodney) ... 153 lbs.
100 Fortuna (Metrevelly) ... 145 lbs.	010 Atomic Caesar (Noodt) 150 lbs.
000 Jubilation (Chevi) ... 145 lbs.	001 Kerrera (Krasnoperoff) 150 lbs.
000 Advancement (Lum) ... 144 lbs.	000 Rebel II (S. H. Wong) 150 lbs.
3.00 p.m. Race 3 HAMILTON PARK HANDICAP (2nd Section), 6 Furlongs, Class 2.	010 Ma Cherie (Noodt) ... 148 lbs.
010 Full-of-Spirit (Lum) ... 157 lbs.	000 Pischums (Krasnoperoff) 148 lbs.
003 October Morn (Lefkoff) 150 lbs.	000 Carola (A. S. Wong) 145 lbs.
003 Strathpeffer (Rodney) 149 lbs.	040 Chekupum (Metrevelly) 145 lbs.
004 The Kangaroo (Metrevelly) ... 149 lbs.	040 Free Success (Chevi) 145 lbs.
010 Blonde (Sofronoff) ... 145 lbs.	040 Orange Beauty (Sofronoff) ... 143 lbs.
020 Cursey (Belokoff) 143 lbs.	020 Easy Slam (Metrevelly) 143 lbs.
000 Escalator (A. S. Wong) 143 lbs.	004 New Love (Tokmokoff) 143 lbs.
000 Oat (Tokmokoff) ... 143 lbs.	004 Marianne (A. S. Wong) 135 lbs.
000 Sabrina (Tokmokoff) ... 143 lbs.	Possible Acceptors: Wagan, Class 3.
002 Dreadnought (Rodney) 143 lbs.	5.30 p.m. Race 8 ALEXANDRA PARK HANDICAP, 6 Furlongs, Class 3.
000 So Nice (Sofronoff) ... 135 lbs.	000 Knock-again (Noodt) ... 150 lbs.
3.30 p.m. Race 4 HAYDOCK PARK HANDICAP, 1 1/4 Miles, Class 1.	004 Ambition (Tokmokoff) 150 lbs.
002 Silver Wing (Chevi) ... 147 lbs.	030 Jelma P. (Rodney) ... 157 lbs.
022 Bonita (Krasnoperoff) ... 144 lbs.	002 Never Mind (Lefkoff) ... 157 lbs.
021 Ben Lomond (Lefkoff) 140 lbs.	000 Amusement (Lum) ... 153 lbs.
003 Castle Peak (Chevi) ... 130 lbs.	041 Chastelion (Rodney) ... 143 lbs.
Possible Acceptors: Single Bell, Wismere Stag, Shiraz, Chaterol.	000 American Carrot (Noodt) ... 143 lbs.
4.00 p.m. Race 5 LINGFIELD PARK HANDICAP (1st Section), 1 Mile, Class 2.	021 Fighting Spirit (Lefkoff) ... 140 lbs.
002 Dutch Courage (Chevi) 150 lbs.	021 Beautiful Lie (A. S. Wong) ... 145 lbs.
010 Hammer Mill (Tokmokoff) ... 150 lbs.	022 Burning Arrow (Tokmokoff) ... 145 lbs.
000 Hawaiian Moon (Noodt) 157 lbs.	000 Beat That (Rodney) ... 145 lbs.
000 Fertibility (Noodt) 153 lbs.	010 Diana (Metrevelly) ... 143 lbs.
002 Tail-up-moore (A. S. Wong) ... 150 lbs.	000 Dragonfly (Noodt) ... 140 lbs.
000 Wise Leader (Lefkoff) 153 lbs.	000 Manxman (Pereboff) ... 137 lbs.
001 Gay Boy (Krasnoperoff) 153 lbs.	000 John Buller (Rodney) 143 lbs.
000 Emperor Nelliga (Lefkoff) ... 143 lbs.	Possible Acceptors: Wagan, Class 3.
004 Malcolm H. (Rodney) ... 135 lbs.	5.00 p.m. Race 9 ALEXANDRA PARK HANDICAP, 6 Furlongs, Class 3.
010 Comet (Pereboff) ... 150 lbs.	000 Jockey Allowance (Lum) ... 150 lbs.
040 Tai Chi (Lefkoff) ... 150 lbs.	000 Jockey Allowance (Lum) ... 150 lbs.
000 Good Girl (Lum) ... 145 lbs.	000 Jockey Allowance (Lum) ... 150 lbs.
000 Straight (Lum) ... 145 lbs.	000 Jockey Allowance (Lum) ... 150 lbs.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

SHARES DIP IN DULL MARKET

HK BANKS' GOOD RECOVERY

T/T DOWN AGAIN

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

SHARE prices drifted downwards on the Hongkong Stock Exchange following light-scale liquidation and lack of interest. Banks, which have been on the downgrade for the last month, picked up \$30 with the improvement in the London register shares.

It was one of the three gainers this week. Turnover amounted to \$3.45 million against \$4.765 million the previous week. Wednesday's half day was so dull that business could only reach \$55,000.

It is difficult to give a reason for the dullness. It was reported that Chinese banks were selling this week and other operators were liquidating to make small purchases.

No Follow Through

Here is an authoritative Lee Hoo-ai Street account of the week's business:

"There was no real follow through to the previous week's improving trend and lack of interest during the latter half of the week found prices tending to drift fractionally lower in dull trading conditions with the exception of HK Banks. These shares were marked up in sympathy with the improvement recently shown in the London register shares. "Loses generally, have been only small but there was a substantial decrease on the turnover which amounted to \$3,448,000."

On the week, eleven shares were reported steady, 14 were lower and three higher. Last week's tally was 17 higher, 10 steady and one lower.

T/T's Sharp Fall

T/T has taken another sharp fall from \$0.31 buyers to \$0.125 yesterday. One would have imagined that speculators would have been more active on the share market as a result of this but only on one day has the turnover exceeded \$1 million.

Despite the rise in Banks, Unions have dropped \$15. This is another share which is affected by the London register. Unions fell 10c on the London register to \$0.01—\$1 down on the December 3 rate.

In the Blue Chip section, Trans are down 40 cents to \$0.10. Youngs down \$2 to \$0.02. Lights down 40 cents to \$0.02. Electric down a quarter to \$0.01. And Telephones old down 40 cents on a middle rate of \$0.04.

Cements have lost a half to \$0.18 on a selling rate.

Nanyang Dividend

In the land section, Hongkong Land have lost \$1 to \$0.1. They weakened 50 cents at the close yesterday after three sales at \$0.14.

Wheatecks are 10 cents off on the week at \$0.00.

Nanyangs announced an interim dividend of 40 cents, which is ten cents more than last year's. Their total for the year looks like being 80 instead of 70 cents.

The share rose five cents on the week.

Profit for 1955 was \$1,338,407 against \$1,888,580 in the previous year. The 1954 dividend was \$1 free of tax.

Diary Of The Week

Here is diary of the week's market:

Friday: Market ruled steady. T/O: \$970,000.

Monday: No material change in rates. T/O: \$1,040,000.

Tuesday: Market ruled steady with some counters yielding slight ground. T/O: \$870,000.

Wednesday: Market, lacked interest. T/O: \$55,000.

Thursday: Another day of quiet trading conditions. T/O: \$513,000.

NAMESAKES

Answers—1 Postage, 2 Delivery, 3 Victoria, 4 Counter, 5 Office, 6 Wall, 7 Mails, 8 Stamp, 9 Penny, 10 Cards, 11 House, 12 Uniform, 13 Letters, 14 Clock, Sir Rowland Hill.

★ The Share Market At A Glance ★

	Nov 14	Nov 22	Nov 29	Dec 6	Dec 13	Up or
HK Bank	43n	43n	43n	43n	43n	down
Lombard	188n	188n	188n	188n	188n	down
Union	960nxd	967n	967n	967n	967n	down
Underwriters	8.80n	8.80n	8.80n	8.80n	8.80n	steady
Union W'boat	23.50n	23.50n	23.50n	23.50n	23.50n	down
Wheatecks	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	down
HK Wharf	8.80n	8.80n	8.80n	8.80n	8.80n	down
HK Hotels	13.80n	13.80n	13.80n	13.80n	13.80n	down
HK Hotels	13.80n	13.80n	13.80n	13.80n	13.80n	down
HK Land	0.11n	0.11n	0.11n	0.11n	0.11n	down
Humphreys	10.10n	10.10n	10.10n	10.10n	10.10n	down
HK Realty	1.35	1.35n	1.35n	1.35n	1.35n	down
HK Trams	22.50n	22.50n	22.50n	22.50n	22.50n	down
Mar Ferry	14.1n	14.1n	14.1n	14.1n	14.1n	down
Yamutai	22.50n	22.50n	22.50n	22.50n	22.50n	down
Ch Lights	22.50n	22.50n	22.50n	22.50n	22.50n	down
Electric	30n	30n	30n	30n	30n	down
HK Telephone	30n	30n	30n	30n	30n	down
G.I. Cement	14.10n	14.10n	14.10n	14.10n	14.10n	down
Dairy Farm	13.20n	13.20n	13.20n	13.20n	13.20n	down
A.N. Watson	13.20n	13.20n	13.20n	13.20n	13.20n	down
Lane Crawford	5.80n	5.80n	5.80n	5.80n	5.80n	down
Yamutai	5.80n	5.80n	5.80n	5.80n	5.80n	down
Allied	10.10n	10.10n	10.10n	10.10n	10.10n	down
HK & FE Inv	4.10n	4.10n	4.10n	4.10n	4.10n	down
Textile Corp	7.50n	7.50n	7.50n	7.50n	7.50n	down
Nanyang	7.50n	7.50n	7.50n	7.50n	7.50n	down

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Chicago, Dec. 13. Wheat grain futures closed lower on the Board of Trade today, with the exceptions being December oats, and May, July and September wheat.

Shortly after mid-day, both wheat and oats rallied to sell above the previous close, mainly on commission house buying. "Traders believe that 1957 higher soil bank payments will help stabilize the market to some extent."

Exporters said that India purchased an additional amount of US Pacific Coast white wheat, bringing the total purchase by that country during the past two days to more than 3,000,000 bushels.

Wheat closed off 1/4 to 1/2 cent, soybeans off 3/4 cent to 1 cent.

Prices per bushel in cents: Wheat No. 2, red 243 1/2 (11) 239 1/2 (L) 240 1/2 (M) 239 1/2 (S) 240 1/2 (H) 239 1/2 (W) 240 1/2 (X) 239 1/2 (Y) 240 1/2 (Z) 239 1/2 (AA) 240 1/2 (AB) 239 1/2 (AC) 240 1/2 (AD) 239 1/2 (AE) 240 1/2 (AF) 239 1/2 (AG) 240 1/2 (AH) 239 1/2 (AI) 240 1/2 (AJ) 239 1/2 (AK) 240 1/2 (AL) 239 1/2 (AM) 240 1/2 (AN) 239 1/2 (AO) 240 1/2 (AP) 239 1/2 (AQ) 240 1/2 (AR) 239 1/2 (AS) 240 1/2 (AT) 239 1/2 (AU) 240 1/2 (AV) 239 1/2 (AW) 240 1/2 (AX) 239 1/2 (AY) 240 1/2 (AZ) 239 1/2 (BA) 240 1/2 (BB) 239 1/2 (BC) 240 1/2 (BD) 239 1/2 (BE) 240 1/2 (BF) 239 1/2 (BG) 240 1/2 (BH) 239 1/2 (BI) 240 1/2 (BJ) 239 1/2 (BK) 240 1/2 (BL) 239 1/2 (BM) 240 1/2 (BN) 239 1/2 (BO) 240 1/2 (BP) 239 1/2 (BQ) 240 1/2 (BR) 239 1/2 (BS) 240 1/2 (BT) 239 1/2 (BU) 240 1/2 (BV) 239 1/2 (BW) 240 1/2 (BX) 239 1/2 (BY) 240 1/2 (BZ) 239 1/2 (CA) 240 1/2 (CB) 239 1/2 (CC) 240 1/2 (CD) 239 1/2 (CE) 240 1/2 (CF) 239 1/2 (CG) 240 1/2 (CH) 239 1/2 (CI) 240 1/2 (CJ) 239 1/2 (CK) 240 1/2 (CL) 239 1/2 (CM) 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Winnipeg Grain Prices

Winnipeg, Dec. 13. Prices of grain futures closed lower in cents per bushel as follows:

Oats: Dec. 78 1/2, May 78 1/2, July 78 1/2.

Rye: Dec. 123 1/2, May 123 1/2, July 123 1/2.

Barley: Dec. 101 1/2, May 101 1/2, July 101 1/2.

Flaxseed: Dec. 21 1/2, May 21 1/2, July 21 1/2.

Wheat, No. 3, 10 1/4 cents; No. 5, 14 1/4 cents.—United Press.

Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, Dec. 14. Brokers today quoted the following stocks prices:

Ratu Lintang Rubber Co. Ltd. \$1.00.

Am. Mach. & P. Dry. 27 1/2.</

President Of World Govt Movement Visiting HK

Mr Arthur Bishop, President of the World Federal Government Movement, which has over 350,000 financial members in various parts of the world, arrived in Hongkong this morning aboard the mv Aros, for a ten-day visit.

Describing the World Government Movement, Mr Bishop said: "Well, it's a world movement, with no ban on colour, creed, or political tie-up, to try and bring together people of all races, and further the realisation of the spirit of the brotherhood of man."

36 Alleged Rioters Arraigned

Thirty-five men and a woman appeared before Mr Justice J. H. Gregg at the Supreme Court this morning charged with rioting during the October 10 disturbances in Kowloon and 17 of the accused pleaded guilty.

Mr Justice Gregg reserved sentence on the 17 men who pleaded guilty. They were further remanded pending the outcome of the trial of the other 19 accused who pleaded not guilty.

The ages of the accused ranged from 15 to 50 years. One defendant was a woman, aged 26. Most of the accused are unemployed, but they include hawkers, tailors and a stone cutter.

Mr D. N. E. Ilea, Crown Counsel, appeared for the Crown.

SEPT DEFICIT

Government revenue for the month of September totalled \$29,005,010.04 and expenditure was \$35,272,891.34, leaving a deficit of \$6,267,881.30, the Government Gazette revealed this morning.

The general revenue balance on September 30 stood at \$335,038,572.02.

He added: "You have State governments for State matters, municipal laws for various municipal affairs, Federal governments for Federal affairs, why not a World government for World affairs?"

Mr Bishop said that at a conference held last year over 70 nations were represented—all of them with varied views, different religious views, but all with one mind to try and bring peace to the world.

FREE ACCESS

Asked his opinion of the Suez Canal position, Mr Bishop said: "Despite the questionable propriety of a unilateral breach of the 1888 Convention, the nationalisation by Egypt of the Universal Suez Canal Company follows international practice, and is considered today to be a nation's right. Nevertheless, it differs from other nationalisations involving 'foreign' interests—the Argentine railways, English-owned, or the American-owned oil wells in Mexico—in that the canal serves all nations, and all people. Possibly the English and French Governments base their opposition to Nasser on a confusion, probably deliberate, of the interests of a few of their nationals, of certain strategic considerations, certain questions of prestige (the Algerian situation influences France's stand) with the whole world's interest in the Suez Canal."

Continuing, Mr Bishop said: "This common interest may be expressed in a single phrase—free access for all. From the

World Government point of view, there are more valid, more important considerations than the conflicting interests of international racism or hyper-nationalism. Freedom for men and goods for every nation, points to the fundamental question of peace itself. To my mind we really don't understand what peace really means."

When asked to explain, Mr Bishop said: "Well, if there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation, then if there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world. That is the text." Mr Bishop added, "of what our movement is striving for. I may live to see it—if not then, the seed has been already sown, and its influence is growing daily."

10-DAY STAY

Mr Bishop, who is also President of the Honorary Justices' Association of Australia, is accompanied by his wife. They will be in the Colony for about ten days.

Mr Bishop is also the father-in-law of the late Mr Norman Stockton, who was a member of the editorial staff of the South China Morning Post for many years before the war. He was killed on a bombing raid over Germany while war correspondent for the Sydney Sun.



Hoses quickly subdued the flames at this morning's fire in Peel Street.—Staff Photographer.

BLAZE PUT OUT IN 15 MINUTES

Fire broke out on the top floor of a four-storey tenement house at 68 Peel Street, off Caine Road, shortly after 8 o'clock this morning.

Six fire appliances, under the direction of Mr W. J. Gorman, Chief Officer, Fire Brigade, and Mr V. C. Seymour, Deputy Chief Officer, were rushed to the scene and the fire was brought under control within 15 minutes.

The house was under repair and very few people were in it when the fire occurred.

No casualties were reported. The cause of fire is still under investigation.

The Fire Brigade had the adjacent houses evacuated. Huge columns of smoke and flames rose from the building at the height of the conflagration but it took the Fire Brigade exactly 15 minutes to get the fire under control. Four deluge-cannons from salt water hydrants were used.

"It was a straight-forward, easy job," commented Mr V. C. Seymour.

A neon sign in Third Street of the Hongkong Products Exhibition pavilion caught fire at 8.13 last night. It was put out by an extinguisher.

Suspects Arrested

A large quantity of forged revenue receipt stamps together with printing equipment and dies were seized by the Police on Wednesday during a raid on premises in Ma Tau Wai Road. Four Chinese have been detained as a result of the raid.

Gala Concert On Sunday

Sunday's Christmas concert at the Ritz, by the Hongkong Concert Orchestra (Conductor Victor Ardy) will be a gala affair, and in keeping with the Yuletide festival.

Christmas bells, hymns, carols, music from the shows, country dancing, Old Time Scottish dancing, and traditional Christmas music are highlighted in the evening's entertainment. The Orchestra is expected to play to a packed house, and all "Promoters" of Hongkong and the Kowloon are well advised to heed the slogan, "Come Early". Doors open 8 p.m.

DEATH OF OLD RESIDENT

Mrs Laura Gillard, wife of Mr Arthur Gillard, died at Queen Mary Hospital this morning after a short illness. She was 71.

Mrs Gillard was the youngest sister of the late Mr Henry Gillins, and aunt of Mr S. V. Gillins, the well-known barrister.

Born in Hongkong the late Mrs Gillard and Mr Gillard were married here more than 30 years ago.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Mom, I heard you tell Aunt Martha how lonely it is with me in school—want me to stay home today?"

File Not Returned To Registry Complaint

Mr W. S. Edwards, former Assessor of the Inland Revenue Department, complained in the Supreme Court this morning that for more than eight months after he filed his statement of claim he encountered difficulty when he went to look at the file because it was not in its proper place in the Registry.

He claimed that the file was taken out of the Registry about a month after he filed his claim and was never returned there from February to November.

Mr Edwards, appearing without legal representation, before Mr Justice A. D. Scholes, is the plaintiff in a claim against K. M. Almas, Assistant Commissioner of the Inland Revenue Department who is represented by Mr J. C. McRobert, Crown Counsel.

Mr Justice Scholes is hearing argument on a preliminary point of law regarding absolute privilege of a document raised by the defendant.

This point of law was ordered to be set down for trial by Mr Justice Reynolds in Chambers on June 4, 1956. An appeal by Mr Edwards against Mr Justice Reynolds' order was dismissed by the Full Court on September 27.

Mr Edwards submitted that the Judge should, at the appropriate stage, rule in his favour in regard to his submission that the Colonial Secretary's affidavit be withdrawn.

He went on to quote from authorities and say that in the present case Mr McRobert explained when commenting on the documents that the affidavit of the Colonial Secretary was a copy of his affidavit previously filed in connection with another rule, that is, Order 5 Rule 63; whereas the present action related to Rule 61 of the same Order. The authorities said that the same affidavit could not be used in respect of two rules, which are separate and distinct. The affidavit was filed with the application under Rule 63 that the claim be struck out and dismissed, and this application was dismissed by a Judge of the Supreme Court in Chambers.

Mr Edwards said that he had not been notified as the plaintiff that the document had been filed separately. So far as he was aware paragraph two of the defendant's affidavit of February 23 referred to the affidavit of February 23, 1956, of the Colonial Secretary and to the letter of the same date addressed to him by the Deputy Colonial Secretary, Mr Burgess.

NOT NOTICED

The only interpretation I can place on that is that the defendant had no notification whatever that the original documents were filed in this Court as separate documents from Mr Almas's affidavit," Mr Edwards declared.

Mr McRobert offered to clear up the matter. He said that at the time those documents were filed, the plaintiff was represented by his first firm of solicitors—not his subsequent solicitors.

Crown Counsel gave the Court his undertaking that the documents were properly filed in accordance with the rules of the Court.

NOT ATTACHED

"I cannot accept Mr McRobert's undertaking," remarked Mr Edwards.

The Judge noted that one could see that the documents were not attached. Mr Edwards then went on to make a complaint "which may be relevant to this matter."

He said that since the statement of claim was filed on January 21, he had had difficulty on each of three or four occasions in inspecting the file. "I understand the proper place for it is in the Registry of this Court, but each time I have asked for it I have been referred to an official who, from my observations, is not directly connected with the Registry," Mr Edwards declared.

He said that each time he had been referred to the clerk of one or other of the Judges of the Supreme Court. He mentioned the clerks of the Chief Justice, Mr Justice Gregg, and Mr Justice Scholes.

Mr Edwards submitted "such files should only be removed from the Registry for brief periods and then returned to their proper place promptly."

He said that his last attempt to inspect the file was made about a month ago and on payment of the prescribed fee he was referred to Mr Justice Scholes' clerk.

"I can say that from the end of last February to the last date on which I applied, on the

several occasions that I applied to see that file, it was never in the Registry, never once. With my own eyes I saw a notebook in the Registry showing that the file was marked out on February 23 or 28. It appears to me that it has never been back to the Registry since," Mr Edwards said.

He said that he must object in these circumstances when he was confronted, for the very first time, with the originals of the two documents on file which he, the plaintiff, had some difficulty in seeing because it was not in its proper place from February to November.

"I don't know what difficulties an outsider, mildly interested, or a newspaper, not wishing to incur the displeasure of Government, would encounter," Mr Edwards added.

He said that he understood the file to be a public one and at the very best he could say that access to it should be more easy.

Justice Scholes told the plaintiff that the Registrar was the person he should see if he had any complaints or suggestions to make as to procedure. Mr Edwards said he would ask for a transcript of the Judge's notes as the basis of his complaint to the Registrar. Hearing is proceeding.

Cyclist Injured

A 22-year-old Chinese was injured when his motor cycle collided with a private car in Clear Water Bay Road near Wong Tai Sin at 4.30 p.m. yesterday. The injured man, Yau Shi-yuen, of 40 Takuling Road, ground floor, was taken to Kowloon Hospital, where he is now receiving treatment.

Earlier in the afternoon, a Chinese student, Wong Hek-sang, sustained injuries when he was knocked down by a military lorry in Chung On Street, Tsun Wan. The boy is detained in hospital for treatment.

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American Is Victimised By 12-Year-Old

An American tourist, Mr Robert Miller, was standing at the door of the Carnarvon Hotel recently looking at children playing happily in the street.

Mr Miller was happy too, and fell into conversation with one of the children. He was the 12-year-old son of an NCO in the British Army.

And what was more natural for them to talk about than the power of the Almighty Dollar. The little boy claimed that he had never seen a greenback in his life.

Mr Miller was ready to oblige. He brought out two bank notes—US\$10 and US\$1.

The boy was filled with admiration; bent over the bits of paper to examine them more closely; then turned on his heel and fled. But he made one mistake. He forgot to hand the notes back first.

Another of the small boys playing in the street ran away with him.

CHRONIC TRUANT

This morning the two children appeared before Mr I. T. Morris at Kowloon Court.

The first defendant, convicted of larceny, was sentenced to six months in Malawati Road Reformatory.

His father who appeared in court said that the boy was a chronic truant from both home and school, and vanished sometimes for five days together. He had also, his father said, "got a taste for making easy money" by begging in the street and petty thieving.

The second defendant, convicted of being an accessory after the fact, was cautioned and discharged upon payment of a bond of \$200.

His mother said in court that her son's behaviour at home was fairly good, but he had caused her a lot of anxiety recently.

Schoolboys Commended

Two schoolboys were this morning commended for good work in furthering the ends of justice by Mr T. L. Yang at Kowloon Magistracy.

On December 13, the boys saw Chan Sau, 47, bending over the poor box outside the Church of St. Francis d'Assisi in Shek Kip Mei Street. The boys followed Chan for a while and saw him buy 20 cents worth of peanuts.

One of the boys went back to the church and saw that the poor box had been tampered with. The boys rejoined and then followed Chan until they met a constable who arrested defendant.

Before Mr Yang this morning, Chan was given one day to make restitution (20 cents) to the poor box, before receiving sentence tomorrow.

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